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TITLE OF INVENTION

Device For Actuating A Sliding Closure Applied To A Vessel Containing A Molten Metal

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8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
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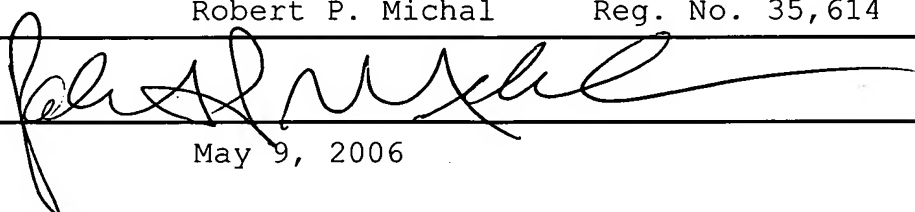
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